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Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 09:46:33 GMT
From: Goran Hosinsky <hosinsky@royac.iac.es>
Message-Id: <9504240946.AA05980@royac4.royac.iac.es>
Subject: 300 ohm ladder line measurements

CONCLUSION: The 300 ohm ladder line is not a low loss line in the
HF region. It is on par with RG17 but not as good as
any of the hardlines.

Gang,

I have for some time been doubtful about the published values
for line loss for ladder line. This weekend I inaugurate my
new RF-1 and did some measurements on a 300 ohm ladder line.

Line type : The Wireman CQ 562 ladder line, 300 ohm
Conductors: #18 AWG 19 strand
Spacing : 0.335"

Measured values for 100 feet:

Zo : 270 ohm
loss at 6 MHz: 0.30 dB
loss at 28 MHz: 0.50 dB

For comparison:

ARRL handbook data	loss at 28 Mhz: 0.18 dB
Open wire air spaced from transmission line equations, same size and spacing of conductors	loss at 28 MHz: 0.34 dB
	Zo : 337 ohm

Saludos,

Goran EA8YU hosinsky@royac.iac.es

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 16:46:22 1995
From: psalas@rockdal.aud.alcatel.com
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 95 11:01:45 CDT
Message-Id: <9504241601.AA10753@mwsun001.aud.alcatel.com>
Subject: Re: Antenna Analysis

I have an MFJ-249 (259 wasn't out when I bought it). It is a tremendous instrument. I also have an RF-1. The problem with the RF-1 is that it is touchy to tune and it is not as convenient to find a dip due to its digital meter. However, it is great for measuring reactance (L, C, and R) when your antenna is resonant.

For most of my antenna work, I still use the MFJ-249. However, I use the RF-1 for measuring coils and capacitors, and antenna impedance when I need to determine what impedance transformer to put ahead of the antenna (mostly work with mobile HF antennas).

My recommendation - buy an MFJ-259 first. Then an RF-1 at a later date. Also, I have the MFJ dip meter adapters. You generally have to couple so closely that you distort your resonance readings. I have an old Heathkit dip-meter (with an added counter output port) which is FAR FAR more sensitive than the dip meter adapters for the MFJ. The dip meter adapters work very poorly with the RF-1 because, again, it is difficult to see a dip on the digital meter.

Phil - AD5X

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 11:30:05 1995
From: PDouglas12@aol.com
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 10:38:35 -0400
Message-Id: <950424103738_94162008@aol.com>
Subject: Any word on Dan's?

We have all been following the thread of distressing postings about Dan's Small Parts going missing. I recently favorably reviewed his NW40 on this list, and I am concerned that it is now an endangered species. Nevertheless, I am still bringing mine to Dayton for show and tell. I wrote him a snail mail (forwarding requested) asking him to let me know when he alights.

Nothing heard yet. Anybody got further word? Anybody live in Missoula, Mt. who can ring his doorbell? Maybe that isn't a great idea, though, if he is ill. OK, then, does any discreet person live in Missoula???

Preston WJ2V

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Tue Apr 25 01:35:14 1995
From: rarland@epix.net
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 19:20:16 -0400 (EDT)
Subject: ARCI Contest Awards
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950424191845.13423A-100000@mango.epix.net>

Cam:

The two awards arrived today. They are beautiful! Nice job and keep up the good work.

72 rich K7YHA

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 23:15:34 1995
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 95 09:17:35 MDT
From: miker@cc.com (Mike Robinson)
Message-Id: <9504241517.AA22857@cc.com >
Subject: Curtis 8044ABM Chips

I'm going to place another order for 8044ABM Curtis
keyer chips. If you would like one for less than the
going rate of \$19.95 plus shipping, let me know.

I'll be able to ship one in the US48 for \$17 even.
If you would like a pc board for the 'simplest possible
keyer' add \$2.

Previously I was selling complete kits for \$25. But the
components to make the kit are easily obtained. So this
time around it will be just the chip and a board if
desired.

Sign up now!

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7.3 de Michael aa0ub          | QRP:
miker@cc.com          Norcal #857 | "This thing's a radio?"
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From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 15:45:00 1995
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 10:38:00 -0400
From: "michael (w.m.) babineau" <babineau@bnr.ca>
Message-Id: <"17254 Mon Apr 24 10:39:04 1995"@bnr.ca>
Subject: D-Cells as a QRP Power Source ?

Hi :

Can anyone relate their experiences using D-Cells (either alkaline or
Nicads) as power sources for QRP gear?

Is this cost effective?

What kind of amp/hr rating can I expect, especially from D-Cell Nicads ... or
should I just forget about this and go the gel-cell route?

I've used 6v lantern batteries in the past, they work well, last a while, but
are somewhat expensive and not environmentally friendly (ie not rechargeable).

I have also used a 12V motorcycle battery, which I would occasionally put on a charger ... not too portable unless it's attached to a motorcycle.

>From past experience (ie several different power supplies) I have found that batteries make for a much more pleasant experience when using a DC-receiver.

Michael - VE3WMB

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 21:25:47 1995
Message-Id: <199504242043.0AA03941@zia.aoc.nrao.edu>
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 14:43:51 -0600
From: Paul Harden <pharden@aoc.nrao.edu>
Subject: Re: D-Cells as a QRP Power Source ?

I use D-cell NiCads for my QRP rigs. They are a bit expensive, but certainly cheaper by many times their cost vs. non-rechargeable types. I recommend you look into the Radio Shack D-cell NiCads. They are rated at 1.8 AH. I get good service out of them. I get on the air 2-3 times per week and weekends when I can and find I charge them overnight every two weeks. But the other reason for this recommendation is the Radio Shack versions are true D-cells ... several of the other D-cells are merely C-cells repacked into a D-container. Beware ... these are less than 1 AH and you will notice they weigh less. Consumer Reports rated the Radio Shack D-cells as the best AH for the buck. I now agree.

I also use a motorcycle battery for contests or field QRP operations where I want a little more than 1.8 AH. For continuous operation, like for Field Day, you can run down 1.8 AH fairly fast. The motorcycle batteries, being 16 AH or more, are good for the long hauls ... but a bit inconvenient to haul around for general use.

72, Paul NA5N

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 19:59:47 1995
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 13:35:51 -0230
Message-Id: <199504241605.NAA15042@public.compusult.nf.ca>
From: rgobrick@public.compusult.nf.ca (Robert J. Gobrick)
Subject: Dayton QRP Hospitality Suite Specials

QRP-L gang,

An exclusive "insiders" tidbit for the QRP-L gang. I just received in the mail today from Dick at Oak Hills Research a very nice small edge type combination SWR/PWR and S meter that he has in inventory but is unable to use for his production runs. The meter is 1.5" X 0.5" and is 1.25" deep. It has a black background and red and green scales showing PWR (actually SWR)

with the 2 about midscale and the bottom scale showing signal strength with S9 and 30db over. The unit also includes a little wheat germ lamp for backlighting. The only downside I see is that you may need some hotglue to hold it in the rectangular cutout since there is no flange screws etc.

Fits the SIERRA, NORCAL 40 and (I suspect) the CASCADE perfectly.

Dick says he is going to bring some with him to sell (fire sale price) at the hospitality suite. I don't know how many he is bringing but if you are worried that he doesn't bring enough give him a shout before he leaves for Dayton.

72 Bob V01DRB/WA6ERB

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 19:15:31 1995
Message-Id: <n1413385057.69801@mailgate.mc.com>
Date: 24 Apr 1995 15:28:41 -0400
From: "Bob Levine" <bob_levine@mc.com>
Subject: Dayton WX update

Dayton WX update

4/24/95

Weather for Ohio for this week from Compuserve:

.EXTENDED FORECAST...

.THURSDAY...A CHANCE OF RAIN. LOWS IN THE 40S. HIGHS 55 TO 65.

.FRIDAY...FAIR. LOWS 35 TO 40. HIGH UPPER 40S NORTH TO MID 50S SOUTH.

.SATURDAY...FAIR. LOWS IN THE 30S. HIGHS 50 TO 55 NORTH TO LOWER 60S SOUTH.

Date: 4/24/95 03:20 PM

To: Bob Levine

>From: Bob Gobrick V01DRB/WA6ERB

Received: by mailgate.mc.com with SMTP;24 Apr 1995 15:19:58 -0400

Received: from firewall.mc.com (firewall [192.148.197.15]) by jericho = (8.6.11/8.6.11) with SMTP id PAA09072 for <levine@mc.com>; Mon, 24 Apr = 1995 15:19:30 -0400

Received: by firewall.mc.com id AA21442

(5.65c/IDA-1.4.4 for <levine@mc.com>); Mon, 24 Apr 1995 15:19:28 -0400

Received: from mail4.netcom.com(192.100.81.134) by firewall via smap = (V1.3)

id sma021436; Mon Apr 24 15:19:09 1995

Received: by mail4.netcom.com (8.6.12/Netcom)

id EAA18812; Mon, 24 Apr 1995 04:45:48 -0700

Received: from piva.ucs.mun.ca by mail4.netcom.com (8.6.12/Netcom)
id EAA18659; Mon, 24 Apr 1995 04:44:59 -0700
Received: from terra.nlnet.nf.ca (terra.nlnet.nf.ca [192.75.13.101]) by =
piva.ucs.mun.ca (8.6.9/8.6.9) with SMTP id JAA20664; Mon, 24 Apr 1995 =
09:15:07 -0230
Received: by terra.nlnet.nf.ca; (5.65/1.1.8.2/26Jan95-0807PM)
id AA12870; Mon, 24 Apr 1995 09:21:14 -0230
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 09:21:14 -0230 (NDT)
>From: Bob Gobrick V01DRB/WA6ERB <bgobrick@terra.nlnet.nf.ca>
To: Bill Kelsey - N8ET - Kanga US <kanga@bright.net>
Cc: qrp-l@netcom.com
Subject: Re: OHIO WX (i.e.Dayton)
In-Reply-To: <199504240131.VAA03241@brutus.bright.net>
Message-Id: <Pine.OSF.3.91.950424091934.12319D-100000@terra.nlnet.nf.ca>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=3DUS-ASCII
Sender: owner-qrp-l@netcom.com
Precedence: list

Bill,

Thanks for the daily dose of drizzle (DDD). I know one one thing about
weather though - IT WILL NOT BE RAINING IN THE ARCI QRP HOSPITALITY WEEK
THE WHOLE WEEKEND - YEAHHH.

73 72 Bob V01DRB/WA6ERB

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From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 16:36:02 1995
From: palsson@bookworm.sdsu.edu
Message-Id: <199504241736.KAA29175@mail.sdsu.edu>
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 10:38:12 PST
Subject: FTP Site for DIGIVFO.ZIP

Anyone needing an alternate site for the DIGIVFO.ZIP file can obtain it from my server. Just use anonymous ftp to bookworm.sdsu.edu.

BTW, the file size is 313K.

Jerry AA6KI

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 18:29:21 1995
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 95 13:44:45 EST
From: harry_chase@smtpgw.windata.com (harry chase)
Message-Id: <9503247987.AA798756285@smtpgw.windata.com>
Subject: higher frequencies

Does anyone on this list build equipment and/or operate on the VHF - UHF - microwave bands??? I know there are a *lot* of home-brewers in the qrp crowd, so I would like to know if any of you have designed/built anything on the higher bands. BTW, I also subscribe to the VHF reflector (w6yx) but there does not seem to be much emphasis on the homebrew aspects of the hobby there .

Harry
WA1VVH

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 21:56:15 1995
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 13:45:59 -0700
From: dgf@netcom.com (David Feldman)
Message-Id: <199504242045.NAA10393@netcom15.netcom.com>
Subject: Homebrew keyer paddle construction?

A while back there was some discussion of building a homebrew non-iambic keyer paddle using possibly a hacksaw blade as the moving element. I'm starting construction of a combo-accessory box for my Norcal 40A that will be the same size as the transceiver and contain a keyer/paddle, batteries, a charger controller, a small antenna tuner, SWR meter, and possibly a small power amplifier. I want to start the project with the keyer paddle because it is the part that's mechanically critical. Any suggestions or forwards of prior e-mails on the topic? Thanks,
73 Dave WB0GAZ dgf@netcom.com

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 17:05:08 1995
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 10:43:08 +0600
Message-Id: <9504241543.AA17875@freud>
From: bhowle@freud.inst.com (Bob Howle)
Subject: I'm Baaaaaack :-)

Whew - what a busy couple of months have just passed by - so busy in fact I had to drop my subscription to qrp-1 for awhile.

Just finished building a NE-4040 using a ten turn 100K pot for tuning - this works *much* better than the 100K audio taper pot I installed the first time around. . . . Built one of the Ten Tec econokeyers to go with the NE-4040 which worked fine after I discovered that I had my ground reversed going to the input of the '4040.

Reading the mail for the first day or two back on the list I learned that there's now a 'SW-40' available from Small Wonder Labs and am anxious to learn how this differs from the NE-4040. I like my original '4040 so well that I'd like to build one for another band.

.0073 / Bob / WA4ZID

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 10:30:29 1995
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 05:23:23 -0700 (PDT)
From: H Smith <hbs@crl.com>
Subject: Re: Kanga US is on WWW
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950424052153.12332A-1000000@crl7.crl.com>

On Sun, 23 Apr 1995, Bill Kelsey - N8ET - Kanga US wrote:

> Thanks to some help from Steve - N8HSC/9 - Kanga US now has a Home
> Page on the World Wide Web.
>
> HTTP://ncc1701-d.cc.nd.edu/kanga/
>
> Take a look.....
>

I did and it looks great.

For those folks who don't have WWW access but do have access to a Unix provider, check if your provider has lynx. It will allow you to surf the web without the pictures. Unless you are into pictures of sexy models or pictures of Hams at Dayton last year (not very sexy) who needs the pictures. Besides, in a pinch, lynx will allow you to load down the pictures to be viewed off line.

lynx http://ncc1701-d.cc.nd.edu/kanga/

CU on 40 CW in the AM

Smitty, NA5K

Henry Smith (hbs@crl.com)

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 12:18:20 1995
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 09:09:28 -0230 (NDT)
From: Bob Gobrick V01DRB/WA6ERB <bgobrick@terra.nlnet.nf.ca>
Subject: Re: Kanga US is on WWW
Message-Id: <Pine.OSF.3.91.950424090345.12319A-100000@terra.nlnet.nf.ca>

Bill,

Congratulations on the Kanga WWW Home page - this may be the wave of the future for ordering parts, kits etc. Now if we can only figure out a way to "beam" an R2 kit through the internet...

73 72 Bob V01DRB/WA6ERB

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From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 21:02:49 1995
From: Rob Burgoon <robb@scd.hp.com>
Message-Id: <9504242121.AA14397@hpscdb.scd.hp.com>
Subject: Making QSL cards
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 95 14:21:12 PDT

Thanks Chuck for the compliment on my QSL card for NorCal QRP Afield. I made the special card so it cost me time but not money. I use the version of PrintShop that can do postcards. I scanned in the Great America emblem from a season pass (I hope they don't mind the small copyright infringement!!). The program has lots of choices of fonts and some sizes for the text and call sign. It prints out 4 cards per page on standard paper. I then xerox the paper onto card stock on a copy machine that will take the card

stock. I haven't gotten brave enough to print directly to card stock from my home printer. The hard part is cutting each sheet on a paper cutter, I have trouble keeping the cards square.

I don't get on the air much but when I do it's often from a portable location, camping at a racetrack, the desert, etc. and I enjoy making a QSL for the occasion. When you don't make many contacts you don't have to make many QSLs :-).

73,

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Rob Burgoon, AB6NZ

robb@scd.hp.com

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Tue Apr 25 01:14:13 1995
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 21:41:29 -0500
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)
Message-Id: <199504250241.VAA23087@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>
Subject: Misc.....

1. I'm sitting here piling stuff in the floor to sort out what goes and what stays for Dayton. :-)
2. I took the 2 AA batteries (Panasonic Nicads) outta a Sony Walkman WM-AF62. It has a LCD for displaying the time and the freq of the AM/FM station. It also plays tapes. Well I'll be durned, the clock is still running after being unplugged for 15 min. At uW, a charged cap will keep it ticking for some time.
3. Someone asked about power using D nicads. Jim Tanner at Tanner Electronics has new WP4-12 12V4Ah Gel Cells for \$14.95 or so. I'll try to go by tomorrow (Tue) and pick up a supply and bring them to Dayton. That is if anyone is interested. If someone is going to be at Dayton with a truckload of these puppies, I won't try this. I'm not in the commercial business.
4. Phyllis made up something that I thought of, and it works very nicely if I say so myself. We walked over about a mile to a place called "ClothWorld". We bought 2 yds (that is about 2M long and 1.5M wide) of heavy duty cotton denim material (in sale pile for \$1 per yd). Also got some cotton string stuff, but shoestring would work, for \$0.59 per yd (~1 Meter).

Now what you do is cut it just larger than say a rig

and sew it around three sides and make a "bag" to hold the rig or equipment. Make a drawstring like arrangement to put the string through and it allows one to close it up for storage and/or carrying stuff around.

So total investment about \$3 US and the exercise to get the stuff. Takes about 5 to 10 minutes per bag and gang with that much material you'll be able to make a bunch. OH, get more string and/or shoestring. It will take a lot more.

All this assumes that someone at your QTH has sewing machine and the necessary skills to use same. :-)
Just like CW ops, becoming harder to find. :-)

FYI

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Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60 adams@sgi.com

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 16:55:47 1995
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 10:27:48 -0500
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)
Message-Id: <199504241527.KAA22044@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>
Subject: NorCal QRP Afield

Wanted to thank AB6NZ/qrp for his QSL card for a contact (one of a few) that I made during the above.

Rob, AB6NZ, had printed a very nice card for this event. Don't know how much he spent, but it was above and beyond the call of duty. Looks like advertising for "Great America", but he said he made a sacrifice by working from the parking lot while the kids were playing at Great America amusement park in Santa Clara CA. I drive by there everytime I go from the San Jose Airport to the Corporate office.

Rob might mention to the group how he went about this. Inquiring minds wanna know, just in case.

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Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60 adams@sgi.com

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 22:32:05 1995
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 95 09:10:53 MDT
From: miker@cc.com (Mike Robinson)
Message-Id: <9504241510.AA22793@cc.com >
Subject: NorCal40 problems

Well I think I found the problem with my Norcal40. The 78L08 is actually a poorly marked 78L05 regulating to 5v.

I haven't found a 78L08 yet, but does it make sense that the lower voltage supply would cause the alignment to be so skewed that the sidetone would be blastingly loud?

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From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 20:34:26 1995
From: RobCap@aol.com
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 16:21:58 -0400
Message-Id: <950424161814_94531877@aol.com>
Subject: Not on QRP-L

Hi Folks-

I just wanted to let people know that, due to demands at work, I am no longer monitoring the traffic on the QRP-L, and have not been for several weeks.

If anyone needs to reach me, I check my E-mail several times a day, so you can reach me at: Robcap@AOL.com

72 & 73,

Rob, WA3ULH

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 13:20:03 1995
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 09:21:14 -0230 (NDT)
From: Bob Gobrick V01DRB/WA6ERB <bgobrick@terra.nlnet.nf.ca>
Subject: Re: OHIO WX (i.e.Dayton)
Message-Id: <Pine.OSF.3.91.950424091934.12319D-100000@terra.nlnet.nf.ca>

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From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 21:08:42 1995
Message-Id: <9504242020.AA20877@garnet.inel.gov>
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 14:21:26 -0600
From: LVE1@inel.gov (Larry East)
Subject: Re: OHIO WX (i.e.Dayton)

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It will if you guys have such a hot time that you set the sprinklers off!

>From those of us stuck at home and who will have to put up with all the
bragging about your good times and great deals -- may the rain always be in
your face and the rock-bottom price of that cash-only deal be \$1 more than
you have in your pockets...

So there!!

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 11:30:44 1995
Message-Id: <9504241318.AA22414@us1rmc.bb.dec.com>
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 95 09:18:58 EDT
From: Bill Acito 24-Apr-1995 0919 <acito@asdg.enet.dec.com>
Subject: Re: Pigeons on beam: final solution

What happened to the plastic owl I see a lot of people using?
Doesn't that work?

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. - I own my own words -

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acito@asdg.enet.dec.com	Digital Semiconductor - Fab 6
	Hudson, MA
kc1gs (qrp-ne #260, arrl life)	

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 15:31:22 1995
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 10:52:14 -0500 (EST)
From: "David Moody, KD8NY" <MOODY@Admin.Rose-Hulman.Edu>
Subject: Re: Pigeons on beam: final solution
Message-Id: <01HPPQH2U22CHTRWYV@ADMIN.Rose-Hulman.EDU>

> What happened to the plastic owl I see a lot of people using?
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> b

Not QRP related, but plastic owl related. My parents had a problem with a woodpecker on the roof. It wasn't pecking at the roof, but at the metal (metalpecker??) furnace flue. It would cause quite a racket! They put up one of the plastic owls, and the woodpecker stayed away for a day, and then came back and just sat next to the plastic owl, and started pecking at the flue again. Apparently birds are smart enough to realize that the thing isn't real. Same problem as crows perched on a scarecrow in a corn field, I guess.

In most cases with antennas, a hit of RF and they will fly away, but at QRP or QRPp levels, they might not. Unless they are heavy birds, or there are many perched on the antenna, I wouldn't worry about it too much. Nests located inside a tower can be a bigger problem. You don't want to get a bird upset with you while you are up on a tower!!!

My two milliwatts worth.

72, David "Those beaks are sharp" Moody, KD8NY

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Rose-Hulman Inst. of Tech. | Amateur Call: KD8NY (CW QRP) ex-WB9MMD  
Terre Haute, IN  USA  47803 | (VMS Rules!!! (but RSTS was fun.))  
Wk Ph:  812.877.8183      |  
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Any facts expressed within belong to everybody.
Any opinions expressed within are my own and are not
necessarily the same as my employer, family, friends, etc.
It is up to you to know the difference.

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 16:27:34 1995
Message-Id: <9504241530.AA29796@us1rmc.bb.dec.com>
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 95 11:39:27 EDT
From: "Dennis, K1YPP, 226-5982" <blanchard@nac.enet.dec.com>
Subject: Requests for Battery article.

Hi folks:

I have been overwhelmed with requests for the Battery article that is related to my talk at Dayton. Those that are sending diskettes will have them copied and returned within 24 hours of receipt.

Since so many have requested that I put it on the net, I will. It will be edited somewhat because it will not have drawings. I won't post it until after Dayton since I would hate to steal my own thunder for those that will be attending the lecture.

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Dennis, K1YPP

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Tue Apr 25 00:46:37 1995
Date: Tue, 25 Apr 1995 16:03:28 +0700 (GMT)
From: Bruce Strong <hs0zbo@sura1.sut.ac.th>
Subject: Re: Requests for Battery article.
Message-Id: <Pine.ISC.3.90.950425155928.5643I-100000@sura1.sut.ac.th>

On Mon, 24 Apr 1995, Dennis, K1YPP, 226-5982 wrote:

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Hi Dennis. I'm interested in your article also.

It seems to me that, if it could be arranged, a (n?) ftp site for such articles would be a better solution than a mailing.

That way, people late into the group could also pick up the information. Perhaps a directory could be included in any FAQ or a monthly announcement of the ftp location and a directory of holdings.

Those without ftp access can use ftp by e-mail to get the articles as long as enough information were given (name and directory path).

Enjoy Dayton. The cool weather seems very attractive - it is over 100 every day here now, in the midst of our hot season!
(Korat, Thailand)

bruce

hs0zbo@sura1.sut.ac.th

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 14:39:57 1995

Message-Id: <9504241529.AA14341@garnet.inel.gov>

Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 09:30:11 -0600

From: LVE1@inel.gov (Larry East)

Subject: SWR Analyzer for sale

For sale:

MFJ-207 HF SWR ANALYZER (no internal frequency counter and no resistance measurement capability). With manual, 9V battery and external (wall-plug type) power supply. \$40 shipped (US and Canada).

Just got a new Autek RF-1...

72, Larry W1HUE/7

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 15:55:04 1995

From: N5EM@aol.com
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 10:54:30 -0400
Message-Id: <950424105428_94179027@aol.com>
Subject: Visit to Phoenix

QRP Listers:

I have the pleasure of traveling to Phoenix next week. While I will have a very limited ability to visit, I will have Sunday evening (April 30) open. I arrive in Phoenix at 10:45 am, will check into the Hotel right after lunch and will have the rest of the day free. I will be staying at the Residence Inn. The address I have is 5075 South Priest Drive in Tempe (I guess that's near the airport in Phoenix?).

I would love the opportunity to meet or chat with some of the local QRPers.

Do you folks monitor a particular 2 meter or 70 cm repeater? I am not bringing any HF gear since I will not have any opportunity to use it (my class schedule is 7:45am to 9:00pm, except for Monday and Thursday nights when we have our free evenings).

73/72 from Houston.

Ed Manuel - N5EM

PS - I will check email for the last time on Wednesday morning this week before I leave. After that time, I will not have access to email.

Also, I am going to Vegas for a Sales meeting the rest of this week.
Arriving directly from Vegas on Sunday.

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From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Apr 24 22:56:00 1995
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 20:35:00 +0000
From: william.redfearn.cmwd101@nt.com
Message-Id: <"16914 Mon Apr 24 15:36:19 1995"@nt.com>
Subject: Want: Dead HF rig

Wanted:

Looking for late model HF rig (WARC) with blown finals for a QRP project. Especially interested in FT-707, IC-735, TS-50s, or any TEN-TEC rigs. Of course, being broken, it should be cheap.

73 - Dave.

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All opinions are my own, no one else wants them.

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Tue Apr 25 01:31:22 1995
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 1995 20:40:46 -0700
From: dgf@netcom.com (David Feldman)
Message-Id: <199504250340.UAA00986@netcom14.netcom.com>
Subject: Re: Want: Dead HF rig

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This brought back an interesting early QRP memory of mine:

In 1972 I bought a Ten-Tec Argonaut (505 style), and used it for about a year. Then I ran into a local ham that had a Collins KWM-2A (round emblem and all that, in excellent shape) that he had modified into a QRP rig by removing the finals and linking the driver to the output tank circuit. We traded straight across (this was 1972, and the KWM2A was still a pretty expensive rig; the Argonaut set me back \$288).

I eventually fixed the KWM2A up and traded it away (and some years later got another Argonaut), but it was sure interesting to see this all-tube QRP boatanchor back then!

73 Dave WBOGAZ dgf@netcom.com